Consumption of fertilizers and its subsidy

616. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total consumption or use of chemical fertilizers in 2006-07;

(b) the portion produced in the country;

(c) the subsidy given to the fertilizers produced in the country;

(d) the fertilizers which has to be imported in 2007-08 to meet the needs; and

(e) the steps proposed to supply fertilizers cheaply to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) The total consumption of chemical fertilizers in 2006-07 is estimated at approximately 449.1 lakh metric tonnes.

(b) The production of fertilizers in terms of N+P (nitrogen and phosphates) in the country during 2006-07 has been about 354.30 lakh metric tonnes.

(c) An amount of Rs. 12,650.37 crore on indigenous urea and Rs. 6648.16 crore was paid on indigenous decontrolled fertilizers, produced in the country during 2006-07.

(d) Urea is the only fertilizer, which at present is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government of India. During Kharif 2007, approximately 31.80 lakh metric tonnes of urea is planned to be imported to bridge the gap between demand and indigenous production.

(e) Subsidized fertilizers are made available to the farmer at Maximum Retail Price which is much cheaper than the actual cost of production/import.

Demand and supply of fertilizers

617. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and supply of fertilizers recorded in the country during the last three years and also during 2007-08:

(b) whether there is any shortage and delay in availability of fertilisers for the ongoing Kharif season;

(c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have formulated any new scheme to resolve the problems;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;